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INTERIOR AGENCY ANNOUNCES SAFETY AWARDS

Fish and Wildlife Service winners of the 1964 Commissioner's Accident-Control Awards--designed to advance President Johnson's Mission "Safety-70" objectives--were announced today by Commissioner Clarence F. Pautzke.

The Service's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries Great Lakes and Central Region, with headquarters at Ann Arbor, Mich., earned the Commissioner's work injury-control award for the second straight year. Its low frequency rate of 4.3 lost-time injuries per million man-hours of work gave the Great Lakes group the lead over nine other Regions in this Department of the Interior Bureau and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and was better than the Service's goal of five. The average number of days lost for each injury and the percentage improvement over 1963 also figured in the award.

The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife Pacific Region, with headquarters at Portland, Ore., won the Commissioner's motor vehicle accident-control award. Competing with eight other Regions in the two Bureaus of the Service, this Region's frequency rate of 2.1 motor vehicle accidents per million miles of driving was better than the Service goal of 2.5. Other factors influencing the award were the average cost per accident and the percentage improvement over the 1963 rate.

Last year's motor vehicle accident-control award went to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife Southwest Region, with headquarters at Albuquerque, N. Mex.

In addition to these two awards, Commissioner Pautzke announced that the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife Patuxent Wildlife Research Center at Beltsville, Md., won the Class "B" motor vehicle accident-control award for 1964. Four Service units competed for this award, which is given to units with annual mileages too low to meet requirements for the regular motor vehicle accident-control award.

The Commissioner's Accident-Control Awards originated last year and are part of the Fish and Wildlife Service "war on the waste" caused by accidents.

The two principal awards, to be presented by Commissioner Pautzke, are large walnut and bronze plaques on which the names of the winners are engraved. The plaques rotate to the annual winners for five years after which they will remain with the group with the best five-year record.